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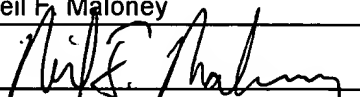
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| APPLICATION ELEMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS                                                                                                                                                  |
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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form (in duplicate)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check Enclosed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment & Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet                                                                                                     |
| 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification<br><i>(preferred arrangement set forth below)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Descriptive Title of the Invention</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Cross Reference(s) to Related Case(s)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R &amp; D</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Background of the Invention</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Brief Summary of the Invention</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Brief Description of the Drawing(s)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Detailed Description</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Claim or Claims</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Abstract of the Disclosure</li></ul> | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)<br><i>(if foreign priority is claimed)</i>                                                                   |
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| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Incorporation by Reference <i>(useable if Box 4b is checked)</i> . The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 10. Small Entity Statement<br><input type="checkbox"/> New Statement enclosed<br><input type="checkbox"/> Statement filed in prior application. Status still proper and desired |
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